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BRIEFS

Great MWR Yard Sale, Saturday

The Great MWR Yard Sale will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. During the same hours and on the same day, a sale of excess Non-Appropriated Funds property will be conducted at Stewart's building 1501 for military ID cardholders only.

Great MWR Yard Sale

SALE LOCATIONS: The sale at Fort Stewart will be held in the Club Stewart parking lot and at on-post residences. At Hunter Army Airfield, the sale will be held at the Credit Union parking lot and at on-post residences. Maps will be distributed showing shoppers where the housing sales are at Stewart and Hunter.

WHO MAY SHOP: The sales are open to all.

WHAT'S FOR SALE: Bargains at past sales have included fishing equipment, tackle and poles; sports equipment, baby clothes, car seats, strollers, cribs, household goods, electronics, furniture, antiques and collectibles.

SET UP TIME: Vendors are urged to arrive between 6:30 and 7 a.m. to set up their tables at both the Fort Stewart and Hunter parking lot sites.

MORE INFORMATION: 912-767-8238 at Fort Stewart or 912-315-2019 at Hunter.

NAF Excess Property

SALE LOCATION: The sale will be conducted at building 1501 off Sigma Street at Fort Stewart.

WHO MAY SHOP: Open to active duty Soldiers, Family Members, retirees, and Army

Civilians only. WHAT'S FOR SALE: TVS, furniture, gym equipment, miscellaneous items.

SHOPPING Shoppers will be briefed on sale procedures and given a price list at 7:30 a.m. The gates will open at 8 a.m.

HOW TO PAY: Payment must be by check or cash

PICKUP RULES: Edward Blackmon, supply technician, said property must be paid for and removed by 2 p.m. "Items not picked up by 2 p.m. will again be offered for sale between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.," he said.

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3rd ID troops return to Fort Stewart



Spc. Crystal M. O'Neal, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division march across Cottrell Field toward their awaiting Families during a welcome home ceremony honoring the returning Soldiers for the completion of their year-long deployment to northern Iraq. Spartan Soldiers and Soldiers with 3rd ID Division Special Troops Battalion will continue to return over the next two weeks. See stories, Page 3A.

Stewart, Hunter hold State of the Garrison

Streamlining, infrastructure, personnel components discussed at Stewart briefing

Jennifer Scales

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Many civilians at Fort Stewart attended the bi-annual State of the Garrison briefing at the Main Post Chapel, Oct. 12. Fort Stewart garrison commander, Col. Kevin Milton, provided insight to those present on future plans for the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield installation, civilian incentives, and statistical comparisons of past years, to name a few.

Between fiscal year 2007 and 2011, the budget has ranged from \$238 million to \$265 million, with the highest peak in fiscal year 2009 at \$340 million. During this time frame though, the installation has streamlined in several areas. Reductions of note occurred in the following areas: Government Services Administration vehicles were reduced by 35 percent; overtime by 30 percent, credit cards by 50 percent, custodial services by 30 percent, along with cell phone/blackberries by 25 percent.

See STEWART - Page 2A Hunter commander delivers state of the garrison update

Nancy Gould

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Lieutenant Colonel Jose Aguilar, Hunter Army Airfield commander, joked about the somber mood inside the Hunter Chapel as civilians filed in and lined the pews to hear his state of the garrison message, Oct. 14.

He spoke passionately about changes and improvements slated for the future and reviewed many that have happened since his last garrison update.

First topic on the agenda was the Fiscal Year 2011 budget cuts – most which will happen through attrition, according to Lt. Col. Aguilar. He talked about how cuts are made with minimal impact on Soldier, Family and Civilian readiness and well being; leader and workforce development; installation readiness; safety and energy efficiency as well as security.

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Reintegration

Finances: Avoid splurging, discuss spending

Jennifer Hartwig

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

When a Soldier returns from deployment, he or she has extra money that was saved during the deployment, right? You and your Soldier discussed what you would do with the added income during the deployment, right?

This is not always the case, said Beth Curran, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program Manager. She said that many things happen during a deployment, unexpected costs as well as excessive spending can deplete deployment savings

account.

"Our biggest push is unrealistic expectations," Curran said. "It's extra money, but

it's not millions." While a Soldier is deployed, he or she or their Family may spend excessively, either out of necessity or the desire to fill a void.

Curran said that there are three kinds of spending - entitlement, emotional and splurge spending.

"For the Soldier, entitlement spending is 'I'm in a combat zone, I deserve to spend it,' or 'It's my money,'" she said. "For the spouse, it's 'I'm here alone, I should be able to reward myself."

Financial problems can occur when the Soldier and spouse don't talk about their purchases.

Emotional spending, said Curran, happens when a Soldier tries to "make up" for being deployed, by buying children and/or spouse gifts to try to fill the void of their

"A Soldier may try to make up for being gone, especially with children," said Curran, who as a military spouse herself, is currently going through her fourth deployment with husband Tim. "Soldiers often feel guilt about their children, and buy them everything to try to make up for being gone for a year."

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Garrison leaders prep for flu season



Jim Jeffcoat, Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Colonel Paul Cordts, commander of Winn Army Community Hospital, administers a flu shot to Col. Kevin Milton, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, at garrison headquarters, building 624, Oct. 18. According to Al Harris, license practical nurse at Winn's Occupational Health and Preventative Medicine, 25 members of the Stewart garrison staff prepared for the upcoming flu season by getting flu vaccinations or nasal spray injections, including Col. Milton; Mike Biering, deputy garrison commander; and Command Sgt. Maj. James Ervin, garrison command sergeant major. Harris said healthy Soldiers, retirees and Family Members 49 years old and younger are encouraged to get the nasal spray, and those 50 and older or with compromised immune systems should get the flu shot this year. To find out where and when you can get your flu shot, please call 912-767-CARE for Stewart and 912-435-5400 for Hunter. For the full vaccination schedule, see Page 8A

Jumping on the indicators

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillips

3rd ID deputy commanding general-rear

"The chain of command was not aware of any financial issues, but some of the Soldier's friends indicated he might be having some financial issues."

"Soldier was visibly upset over the romantic breakup, leading to his death, and notified several friends of his distress."

"He was still shook up and crying when he called me."

"Iasked [the Soldier] if he was okay and he said, 'yeah just a little upset' and he took 132 (approximately) sleeping pills. I disregarded the sleeping pill comment, knowing that it is almost impossible to take that many pills of any kind at once without having some dramatic effect."

Four passages from the AR 15-6 investigation I just signed on the recent suicide of a Marne Soldier. He hanged himself. Four indicators.

Four opportunities.

One death.

I was visiting Tuesday night with one of our chaplains. He told me some of our redeploying Soldiers have expressed exasperation with him over the suicide brief that's part of the 10-day reintegration course. They have already gotten it, or something similar, in theater before redeploying. They don't want to hear it again.

Roger, we got it. We are

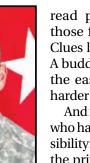
pushing this theme of suicide prevention, with its emphasis on buddy helping buddy, leaders knowing their Soldiers, and the tenets of ACE: Ask, Care and Escort.

We're doing it (overdoing it, some may

say), for a reason: this is serious business; there's little room for error; it's not business as usual ... and the message, quite frankly, hasn't yet completely gotten through.

Each month the Army's leadership

reviews the suicides that have been committed. Far too often – way too often – we



From the Senior Commander

read passages similar to those four in the AR 15-6. Clues left but not followed. A buddy or leader choosing the easier wrong over the harder right.

And it's not just we Soldiers who have this sort of responsibility: perhaps no one sees the private side of a person more clearly than those in his or her Family.

"After his death [by self-inflicted gunshot], [Soldier's

wife] mentioned to CID that he had previously threatened suicide during a past deployment ... and again after he had PCSed to Fort Stewart."

We're hammering the message about caring for each other because caring for each other is the single most effective way of preventing tragedy.

Here's an example of how it can work: recently, the father of a Marne sergeant deployed in Afghanistan received a text message from the sergeant, which made him think his son was considering suicide. The father called Army One Source. Army

One Source transferred him to Fort Stewart ACS. ACS quickly determined the unit and had the forward chain of command notified. Within minutes of the notification, the chain of command forward was getting the Soldier the help he needed and the father was contacted to ease his concerns.

This emphasis means that you may be confronted with a situation that requires you to assume that something may indeed be seriously amiss, even though it would be easier to assume otherwise. And you must then act.

The Army is deadly serious about this; what we're doing is nothing short of cultural change – it's hard and at times uncomfortable.

But we will succeed. Because each individual life matters. Because this Army takes care of its own.

In combat, a Soldier may without a

In combat, a Soldier may, without a moment's hesitation, jump on a grenade to save a buddy.

And that should put into context the very reasonable expectation that here at home to save that same buddy we will jump on an indicator.

Challenger Battalion hands command to Rough Riders

Spc. Terence Ewings

4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE MAREZ, Iraq — Soldiers assigned to the 27th Brigade Support

Battalion, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division relieved the 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division during a transfer of authority ceremony, Oct. 11.

The 27th BSB "Rough Rider" Soldiers will now assume the mission of providing sustainment and force health protection in the 4th AAB's operational environment in support of Operation New Dawn.

"Lieutenant Colonel Bill Galbraith and the Rough Rider Battalion begin the next leg of this race. I have no doubt in my mind that they will rise to the challenge and finish strong," said Lt. Col. James Kazmierczak, commander of the outgoing 26th Brigade Support Battalion. "(The) 27th BSB is a phenomenal battalion with a long and distinguished history, ready to assume the mission and live the legend."

"We are ready to meet the missions that lay ahead," said Lt. Col. Galbraith, incoming commander of the Rough Rider troops. "Through the training we received over the past year in Fort Hood and the Joint Readiness Training Center, we have honed our sustainment skills, perfected our lethal expertise, and we have come to Iraq leaner in the formation, but disciplined, trained and prepared to adapt to the mission sets that will befall on us over the year to come."

The 4th AAB "Long Knife" Soldiers will officially be taking control of the area of operations in Mosul and Ninewa after a brigade transfer of authority ceremony scheduled for Oct. 18.

Spc. Terence Ewings

Lieutenant Colonel Bill Galbraith, commander of the incoming 27th BSB, 4th AAB, 1st Cavalry Division and Lt. Col. James Kazmierczak, commander of the outgoing 26th BAB, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID, shake hands during the unit's transfer of authority ceremony, Oct. 11.



Battleboar Soldiers case colors, transfer authority to Thunder Horse Battalion



Pfc. Angel Washington4th AAB, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR, Iraq —Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, took part in a transfer of authority ceremony in Kirkuk, Oct. 11. As the 1/30 Inf. cased their colors, they transferred authority to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, who accepted authority for the same area of operations while

Pfc. Angel Washington

Soldiers of the 2/12th Cav., 4th AAB, 1st Cav. Div., join the Iraqi police and Soldiers of the 1/30 Inf., 2nd AAB, 3rd ID, in a transfer of authority ceremony in Kirkuk, Oct. 11. The ceremony marks the formal transition from the 1/30 Inf. to the 2/12th Cav. Soldiers and their partnership with the Iraqi police.

supporting Operation New Dawn.

"This marks the formal transition from 1/30th Infantry to us. It means we now own the mission," said 2/12 battalion commander Lt. Col. Joseph Holland. "It is important because we no longer have anyone over-watching us. The training wheels are off now, and we're riding on our own."

While deployed, Soldiers of the 1/30 Inf. advise and assisted the Iraqi Security Forces in the area of operation in order to neutralize the violent extremists, secure the people of Kirkuk, and reduce the tensions politically, which is what Lt. Col. Holland said his unit will now do.

"We're the closers; we've built the lead and have had great success with our Iraqi counterparts," Lt. Col. Holland said. "We just need to be able to hand off the security mission to the ISF and have them do it as well as they want to; not as good as us or how we want them to, but as well as they want to be to provide for their country."

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No reduction in forces was mandated as personnel were reduced by two percent through attrition.

Based upon surveys, employees have been pleased working at the installation for the past two years. Their employee engagement/satisfaction survey increased by two percent from 2009 to 74 percent currently. This includes contentment in managerial practices, training and education, and organizational effectiveness, to name a few. But with that being noted, areas of improvement consisted of work processes, supervisory practices, and climate, of which climate had a 17 percent decrease from 2009.

Too often, many civilians go lacking in the recognition department. That can be rectified through the Garrison Civilian Award of Excellence Program. This program identifies and rewards exceptional performance of civilian employees who are in appropriated or non-appropriated fund status at Stewart-Hunter. Nominations may come from supervisors, co-workers, teammates, and customers. Quarterly winners will receive a \$500 award, an achievement medal, and a 24-hour time off award. Annual award winners will receive \$1000 cash award, 40-hour time off award, and Commander's Award for Civilian Service. More information on this can be found on the Stewart-Hunter intranet at https://intra.stewar.army.mil/garrison/gc/Documents/Policy%20letter%2017%20/CivilianIncentiveAwards.pdf.

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Incentives for everyone can be found in the Clean Air Campaign. If you commute (which everyone does) and participate in a carpool, there is money that can be reaped in this program. Earnings could range from \$3 per day or free gas cards, Go to www.logyourcommute.org for more information on this 'green' program.

The return of the 3rd Infantry Division was also outlined for the installation. Calendar revelations from November 2010 through March 2011 were outlined as it pertains to their returns and subsequent training and leaves associated with them.

The next State of the Garrison is scheduled for April 28, 2011.

The complete briefing slides for this garrison briefing can be found at https://moss.stewart.army.mil/sites/pai/shared/stateofgarrison/Shared%20 Documents/Forms/Alltems.aspx.

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Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar encouraged civilians to take the work climate survey so that leaders can identify programs, policies and additional areas that need improvement.

"If we're not having fun at work we're in the wrong job," he said. "We should always be able to communicate and share information without fear of reprisal."

Also discussed were the garrison's best practices, upcoming events, top priorities, ethics, and unit and project updates for Hunter. After the garrison brief, Lt. Col. Aguilar encouraged attendees to ask questions and make comments about what they had heard.

The first question was asked by Dave Botelho, an airfield operations employee, who wanted to know why it was taking so long to get his building repaired after a fire there about three months ago. Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar explained that the building repairs were delayed but should be completed by Dec. 15. He promised to check on the repair status to confirm his answer.

Another complaint concerned the slow speed limit in certain areas on post. "Get with the safety guys here today," he responded. "We'll see if change is possible."

When asked why residents are not allowed more storage units, the commander was honest about his reasoning.

"I don't like units scattered around post," he said. "It looks unprofessional."

Chief Shanholtzer, the Hunter fire chief, asked about the completion date for the gate renovation project. Lieutenant Colonel Aguilar said he realized there are traffic delays due to the construction

due to the construction.

"We're all paying the price now but we'll all reap the benefits [with free flowing traffic] when the 3rd CAB returns," said Lt. Col. Aguilar.

The commander's closing remarks were to "build planning and predictability into your schedule" with the added stress and delays that happen during the holiday season.

"Work out, beat on a bag, but find a constructive way to reduce your stress," he

"Work out, beat on a bag, but find a constructive way to reduce your stress," he said. "If you think things are bad, don't get discouraged. Just wait. They're bound to get better."

"I got a lot of information here today," said David Bennett, an Alcohol Substance Abuse Program employee at Hunter. "I appreciate the commander's openness and willingness to listen to comments from his workers and to answer their questions and address their complaints."

DSTB, Spartans return home

Spc. Michael Adams 3rd ID Public Affairs

Family Members defied the cold and the early morning hours to welcome home Soldiers with 3rd Infantry Division's Special Troops Battalion and 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, at Cottrell Field on Fort Stewart, Oct. 16.

Bonnie Tillson was shivering as she waited in the bleachers for the buses with the returning troops. Her husband, Pfc. Benjamin Tillson, was on one of those buses.

"In many ways, it's unreal," she said. "It was hard, because we got married six days before he left. It's exciting that he's coming back, and we'll get to be together again."

Mike Keating was one of the volunteers with Chapter 789, Vietnam Veterans of America, who greeted the Soldiers.

"We meet every flight returning (from) overseas and have done so since the unit has started deploying [in 2003,]" he said.

He added that Vietnam Veterans never had a welcome home ceremony, and he is one of many individuals who want to make sure that every Soldier has a proper welcome home ceremony when returning from a combat zone.

"We appreciate what you've done and what you've gone through for the past year," he added. "We honor your service. I feel privileged to be out here. Welcome home."

Before the buses arrived, Family Members screamed as they waived signs and banners welcoming home their Soldiers. When the Soldiers arrived, they charged the formation to greet their Soldiers.

Sergeant First Class Curtis Halford, in charge of retention operations for 3rd ID, was one of the Soldiers who returned home to his Family.

"It feels outstanding to be home," he said. "It's been a long year. I've missed my Family very much."



Photos by Spc. Michael Adams

Family Members wave signs and banners to welcome home their Soldiers from Iraq during a welcome home ceremony at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field, Oct 16.





Master Sergeant Pamela Smith, senior retention noncommissioned officer for 3rd ID, embraces Otis Smith, at a welcome home ceremony at Cottrell Field, on Fort Stewart, Oct. 16.



Family Members cheer as they prepare to welcome home Soldiers in the early morning hours at Fort Stewart's Cottrell Field, Oct. 16.

Spartan Soldiers return to 'home, sweet home'

Spc. Crystal M. O'Neal

2nd HBCT Public Affairs

Over the past two weeks, Spartan Soldiers of 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division have been rapidly redeploying and reuniting with Family Members and loved ones on Cottrell Field

at Fort Stewart. Having successfully completed a year-long tour in northern Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, these warriors,

according to 1st Lt. Trey Brooks, Company C, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID, are happier than ever to finally be home. "It doesn't feel quite real yet – I guess it's going to

have to sink in a little," said 1st Lt. Brooks. "I haven't been home since six months ago on (rest and relaxbe here as well."

ation); I know the other Soldiers are overjoyed to Olivia Branch, wife of 1st Sgt. Timothy Branch, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 26th

BSB, 2nd HBCT, 3rd ID, said though being a combat

spouse can be difficult at times, especially during

deployments, her and her Family weathered the deployment just fine.

"Being away from my husband this long has, of course, been trying but with support from my church, the kids and I have been making it just fine," said Olivia. "Our (Family readiness group) was also very helpful. Talking to him whenever we could also made the months go by a little faster; I'm just glad this one is done."

First Sergeant Branch said he was very excited to see his wife as well as his kids, but completing the

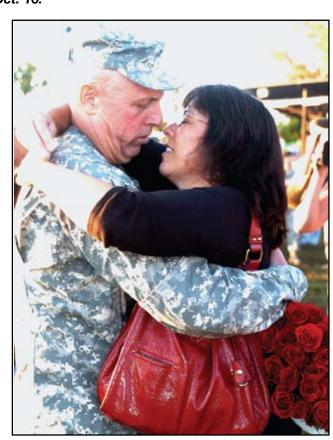
mission in Iraq also left a great feeling in his heart. "This was our sixth deployment so even though this wasn't new for our Family, it got a little trying at times," he said. "It just feels great to be home, but also it feels better to know that we took care of the mission in Iraq, and I was able to bring all my

Soldiers home to rejoin their Families." Though the majority of the brigade is back home, the remaining Spartans, along with their Families,

are anticipating their arrival home, bringing 2nd

HBCT, 3rd ID to full capacity, ready to tackle the

next mission.



Spc. Crystal M. O'Neal

Second Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Col. Charles E. A. Sexton, and wife, Melody, embrace as the commander returnsfrom a year-long deployment in northern Iraq.

Marne Faces Warne Places

Free OTC medicine program saves money, time

Sgt. Robert Schaffner Jr. The Frontline staff

A viable benefit for servicemembers and their Family Members has gone unnoticed or forgotten by many.

The Over-The-Counter Self Care Program offered at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic is designed for active or retired servicemembers and their beneficiaries to receive free over-the-counter medications without a prescription or having to see a health care provider.

"Any beneficiary with a valid ID card can participate," said Theola Ball, lead pharmacy technician at Winn Army Community Hospital. Ball added, for safety concerns, children less than two years of age are not eligible to participate in the OTC and are encouraged to be seen by a healthcare provider before being given any medications.

For many people, wandering the drug aisle in search of an over-the-counter medicine can be confusing and quickly emulate a "Seinfeld" television episode.

"What we try to do is treat the symptoms when someone comes to the pharmacy window," said Ball. "This ensures the member receives what they need and also affords us the opportunity to check the person's records for allergies and possible prescriptions that may be a conflict with an over-the-counter medication."

It also lets the pharmacist document the medical records for the over-the-counter med-

ications used so a provider can have better knowledge of what med's the patients are taking, said Capt. Taft-Ellington, Officer in-charge of outpatient pharmacy at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Now, before you run out the door and grab a cart to load up on freebies, there are a few guidelines in place to prevent those die-hard hoarders out there from stocking up.

"All self-care requests are limited to five self-care items per month per member and documented in the Composite Health Care System," said Capt Taft-Ellington.

The program is also at the discretion of the pharmacist to curb abuse.

The limit set in place is not only to curb abuse but also to serve as a warning sign for possible medical issues.

"When a member has reached his or her limit for an over-the-counter medication, it could be a sign of an underlying medical issue and may need to see a provider," said Capt. Taft-Ellington.

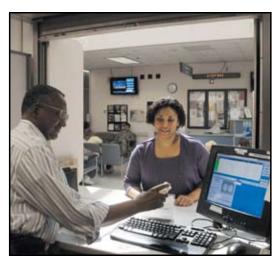
Some Family Members are already aware of the OTC program and are making use of their well-earned benefit.

"The program is very helpful," said Rosa Bradley spouse of a retired Soldier. "I like interacting with the pharmacist. I tell him what my symptoms are and he tells me what I need. The financial aspect outweighs everything; however, I never think of it as free. This is a benefit that my husband and I earned while serving 20 years in the military."

Eligible members may

receive OTC medications at Winn ACH main Outpatient Pharmacy, Fort Stewart PX Rufus Daniels, a Refill Pharmacy, Lloyd C. HawksTroop Medical Clinic Pharmacy (active duty only) or Tuttle AHC Pharmacy. For addresses and hours, check out the Web site: www.winn. amedd.army.mil/default/ Maniece, Oct. 19. index.cfm/medical-services/ Servicemembers pharmacy/ or call 912-435-6040 Winn Pharmacy or ciaries can now 912-315-3004 Tuttle Army receive free OTC Health Clinic.

Sgt. Robert Schaffner pharmacist at Winn Army Community Hospital, explains an OTC medication at the pharmacy window to Alice and their benefimedications.



OTC medications available (free) are: **PACKAGE SIZE**

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Acetaminophen Drops 80mg/0.8 ml Acetaminophen Suspension 160 mg/5 ml Acetaminophen Tablets 325 mg Ibuprofen Suspension 100 mg/5 ml COUGH/COLD

Guaifenesin Syrup 100 mg/5 ml Guaifenesin DM Syrup Pseudoephedrine 30 mg tablets Pseudoephedrine Liquid 30 mg/5 ml Diphenhydramine 25 mg Capsules Diphenhydramine 12.5 mg/5 ml Liquid Dimetapp Elixir

Bismuth Subsalicylate 262 mg chewable tabs Box of 30 tabs Maalox Plus suspension Loperamide 2 mg tabs

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Saline nasal spray Oxymetazoline nasal spray (3 day limit)

OB/GYN Miconazole vaginal cream Condoms

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2 years or older

2 years or older

12 years or older

2 years or older

15ml bottle 120 ml bottle Bottle of 100 tabs 120 ml bottle

120 ml bottle 2 years or older 120 ml bottle 2 years or older Box of 24 tabs 6 years or older 120 ml bottle 2 years or older Box of 24 caps 6 years or older 120 ml bottle 6 years or older 120 ml bottle 6 years or older 12 years or older

150 ml bottle 12 years or older Box of 12 caps 6 years or older 30 gram tube Antimicrobial 30 gram tube 2 years or older

15 ml bottle 45 ml bottle 15 ml bottle

15 gram tube

6 years or older

2 years or older

7 day treatment pack 12 years or older Pkg of 12 12 years or older Pkg of 2 tabs 18 years or older (under 18 requires prescription)



U.S. Senators visit Vanguard Soldiers at Camp Ramadi, Iraq

Staff Sgt. Tanya Thomas, 4th AAB, 3rd ID, USD-C Public Affairs

U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (right, center), D-R.I., talks to Soldiers with 4th Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Division - Center and members of a U.S. States Department provincial reconstruction team during lunch at Camp Ramadi, Iraq, Oct 12. U.S. Senator Mark Udall (not pictured), D-Colo., also visited. The senators' visit also included a meeting with Iraqi leaders in the Anbar Province.

Marne Voices Speak Out

Saturday is the great MWR Yard Sale. When you go to a yard sale, what do you hope to find?

"All kinds of books, anything that happens to strike my

Donna Finkelstein Marco's Pizza, Marketing Mgr.



'Some furniture.'

1st Lt. Aaron Jeanes 1/64 Armor





'I look for electronics such as laptops

Katrina Herrington







'Decorations for my house."

Sarina Cory Family Member

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Disability Etiquette

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Equal Opportunity Office

Etiquette considered appropriate when interacting with people with disabilities is based primarily on respect and courtesy. Outlined below are tips to help you in communicating with persons with disabilities.

General tips for communicating with people with disabilities

- When introduced to a person with a disability, it is appropriate to offer to shake hands. People with limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb can usually shake hands. (Shaking hands with the left hand is an acceptable greeting.)
- If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then listen to or ask for instructions.
- Treat adults as adults. Address people who have disabilities by their first names only when extending the same familiarity to all others.
- Relax. Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use common expressions such as "See you later," or "Did you hear about that?" that seem to relate to a person's disability.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions when you're unsure of what to do.

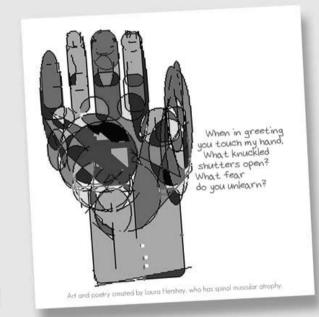
Tips for communicating with individuals who are blind or visually impaired

- Speak to the individual when you approach him or her.
- State clearly who you are; speak in a normal tone of voice.
- When conversing in a group, remember to identify yourself and the person to whom you are speaking.
- Never touch or distract a service dog without first asking the owner.
- Tell the individual when you are leaving.
- Do not attempt to lead a blind person without first asking; allow the person to hold your arm and control her or his own movements.
- Be descriptive when giving directions; verbally give the person information that is visually obvious to individuals who can see. For example, if you are approaching steps, mention how many steps.
- If you are offering a seat, gently place the individual's hand on the back or arm of the chair so that the person can locate the seat.

Tips for communicating with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing

- Gain the person's attention before starting a conversation (i.e., tap the person gently on the shoulder or arm).
- Look directly at the individual, face the light, speak clearly, in a normal tone of voice, and keep

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your hands away from your face. Use short, simple sentences. Avoid smoking or chewing gum.

- If the individual uses a sign language interpreter, speak directly to the person, not the interpreter.
- If you telephone an individual who is hard of hearing, let the phone ring longer than usual.
 Speak clearly and be prepared to repeat the reason for the call and who you are.
- If you do not have a Text Telephone (TTY), dial 711 to reach the national telecommunications relay service, which facilitates the call between you and an individual who uses a TTY.

Tips for communicating with individuals with mobility impairments

- If possible, put yourself at the wheelchair user's eye level
- Do not lean on a wheelchair or any other assistive device.
- Never patronize people who use wheelchairs by patting them on the head or shoulder.
- Do not assume the individual wants to be pushed;
- Offer assistance if the individual appears to be having difficulty opening a door.
- If you telephone the individual, allow the phone to ring longer than usual to allow extra time for the person to reach the telephone.

Tips for communicating with individuals with speech impairments

If you do not understand something the individual says, do not pretend that you do. Ask the individual to repeat what he or she said and then

repeat it back.

- Be patient. Take as much time as necessary.
- Try to ask questions that require only short answers or a nod of the head.
- Concentrate on what the individual is saying.
- Do not speak for the individual or attempt to finish her or his sentences.
- If you are having difficulty understanding the individual, consider writing as an alternative means of communicating, but first ask the individual if this is acceptable.

Tips for communicating with individuals with cognitive disabilities

- If you are in a public area with many distractions, consider moving to a quiet or private location.
- Be prepared to repeat what you say, orally or in writing.
- Offer assistance completing forms or understanding written instructions and provide extra time for decision-making. Wait for the individual to accept the offer of assistance; do not "over-assist" or be patronizing.
- Be patient, flexible and supportive. Take time to understand the individual and make sure the individual understands you.

Remember

- Relax.
- Treat the individual with dignity, respect and courtesy.
- Listen to the individual.
- Offer assistance but do not insist or be offended if your offer is not accepted.



TRAFFIC ROUNDUP



September 13

Pvt. Cota, Sherman; 3/7th Cav. Failed to Yield Right of Way at Lightning Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

September 14

Spc. Lpoez, Sammael; 473rd QM Co. Speeding 41/30 MPH on Rio Rd. Hunter – assessed 4 points

Spc. Geist, Daniel; 416th Trans Co. Defective Equipment - Tail Light on Wilson Blvd.

Hunter – assessed 2 points

Sgt. Looten, Mathew; D Co., 1/75th Ranger Regt.

Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign at Haley Ave/Middleground Rd. Hunter – assessed 4 points

September 15

Sgt. Swihart, Samuel; 10th Trans Co. Failure to Obey TCD at Leonard Neal

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Capt. Haynes, Lewis; HHC, 260th

Speeding 46/30 MPH on Perimeter Rd/Rio Rd.

Hunter – assessed 5 points

Spc. Jennings, John; HHC, 1/75th Ranger Regt.

Cellular Usage w/o Handsfree on S. Perimeter Rd.

Hunter – assessed 3 points

Spc. Plah, Charles; 473rd QM Co. Passing in a No Passing Zone on Gannam Ave.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Cpl. Boyce, Johathan; 512th QM Co. Speeding 25/10 MPH on S Lightning Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Spc. Platt, Charles; 473rd QM Co. Speeding 20/15 MPH on Grannam

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Sgt. Olechi, Ryan; 1/75th Rgr Regt. Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign at Patriot Way/Gannam Ave. Hunter – assessed 4 points

Staff Sgt. Clayton, Anthany; 110th

Speeding 33/20 MPH at Perimeter

Rd/S Douglas Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Maj. Hay, Marcus; 3/160th SOAR Co. Speeding 33/20 MPH on S. Douglas Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Spc. Lockard, Joseph; 1/35th QM Co.

Speeding 43/30 MPH on Rio Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

September 16

Pfc Scrimager, Dustin; HHC, 3/160th SOAR

Defective Equipment - Brake Light at Gannam Ave/Patriot Way Hunter – assessed 2 points

Spc. Guffey, Spencer; 10th Trans Co. Speeding 27/15 MPH at Gannam Ave/Patriot Way

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pfc Beltran, Jonathen; 293rd MP

Speeding 59/40 MPH on GA 47 Stewart – assessed 5 points

September 17

Spc. Fronezek, John; A Co., 3rd STB Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign on Schofield Dr.

Stewart – assessed 4 points

Spc. Johns, Tasia; 233rd Trans Co. Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign at Hero Rd/Austin Rd.

Stewart – assessed 4 points

Spc. Kodjou, Cluadine; HHD, 385th Improper Parking at Bldg. 302 Stewart – assessed 3 points

Sgt. Miracel, Joshua; 117th ACS Failure to Obey TCD on Leonard Neal

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Spc. Hampton, Michael; 416th QM Co.

Speeding 26/10 MPH on Lightning Rd. Hunter – assessed 5 points

Pfc Chandler, James; 1/35th QM

Improper Parking at Haley & Leonard Neal Rd Hunter – assessed 2 points

Pvt. Barnes, Taylor; 1/75th Rgr Bn Speeding 34/20 MPH on S. Douglas

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pvt. Brazell, Randall; 3/160th SOAR

Cellular Usage w/o Handsfree on S Douglas Rd.

Hunter – assessed 3 points

Sgt. Magnone, Andrew; B Co, 224th MI Bn

Speeding 28/15 MPH on Gannam

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pvt. Thompson, Joseph; 260th QM

Speeding 30/15 MPH on Gannam

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pvt. Thompson Joseph; 260th QM

Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign on Gannam Ave

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pvt. Thompson, Joseph; 260th QM

Cellular Usage w/o Handsfree on

Gannam Ave

Hunter – assessed 3 points

Pfc Noufer, Timothy; HHD, 260th

Speeding 30/15 MPH on Gannam

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pfc Detwiler, Brandon; 1/75th Rgr

Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign on S. Douglas Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Capt. Katzenberger, Keith; 224th MI

Speeding 51/30 MPH on Perimeter

Hunter – assessed 6 points

Capt. Kofof, Michael; 3/160th SOAR

Speeding 35/20 MPH on Stephen Douglas Dr.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Sgt Huckett, Tyler; 3/160th SOAR Co.

Speeding 24/10 MPH on Lightning Rd.

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Improper Parking on Duncan Dr Hunter – assessed 2 points

Sgt. Stanley, Kvon; 269th QM Co

Spc. Watson, Andrew; Savannah Air Station

Speeding 33/20 MPH on S Douglas Rd

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pvt. Pitts, Quaterrius; 110th QM Co. Speeding 26/10 MPH on Lightning

Hunter – assessed 5 points

Pvt. Bryars, James; 293rd MP

September 18

Stewart – assessed 6 points September 19

Pvt. Coronado, Brandy; 260th QM

Speeding 78/55 MPH on 144E MM

Failure to Obey TCD at Haley Ave/ Leonard Neal St

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Pfc Herrera, Paul; 224th MI Bn Failure to Obey TCD at Haley Ave/ Leonard Neal St

Hunter – assessed 4 points

Spc. Ford, Dillan; B Co, 1/75th Rgr Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign at Haley Ave./Leonard Neal St. Hunter – assessed 4 points

Spc Cooper, Paul; 3/160th SOAR Co Speeding 36/20 MPH on S Douglas

Hunter – assessed 5 points

September 20

Maj Runyc, Jared; Army Corp of Speeding 42/30 MPH on Perimeter

Hunter – assessed 4 points

September 21

Cpl. Fasolo, Joshua, D.; 3/7th REAR

Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign at Hero Rd./Austin Rd. Stewart – assessed 4 points

Pfc Steward, Eril, J.; DSTB, 3rd SIG Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign on Hero Rd/Austin Rd Stewart – assessed 4 points

September 22

Pfc Molinacedano, Federico; 1/75th

Improper Parking - Handicap on Duncan Dr

Hunter – assessed 3 points

September 23

Sgt. Esquilingereia, Carlos; 1/35th QM Co.

Speeding 37/25 MPH on S Perimeter

Hunter – assessed 4 points

September 24 Pfc Lankford, Joshua; 224th MI C

Improper Left Turn on Duncan Dr. Hunter – assessed 3 points

September 25

Master Sgt. Hope, Valmond; U.S. Air

Speeding 60/40 MPH on GA 47 Stewart – assessed 5 points

Sgt. Jones, Eric; 135th QM Co

Failure to Obeying Traffic Officer at Gulick Ave/Gate 1 Stewart - assessed 4 points

Sgt. Danies, Stanley B.; HHC, K-9

Speeding 59/45 MPH on 144E MM Stewart – assessed 4 points

September 26

Sgt. Johnson, Shelton D.; 12/30th Speeding 58/45 MPH on 144E MM

Stewart – assessed 4 points

Spc. West, Shannon, K.; 369th Rear Failure to Stop at Posted Stop Sign

at Gullick Ave/Bldg 613 Stewart – assessed 4 points

Pfc Butts, Donald, A., Sr.; E Co, 2/6th Defective Equipment - License Plate

Light at Austin Rd/Pleasant Grove Stewart – assessed 2 points

September 27 Pfc Matassa, Sarah M.; MEDDAC

Defective Equipment - License Plate Light at Gulick Ave/Bultman Ave Stewart – assessed 2 points

Pfc Molinachedano, Federico; 1/75th Improper Parking - Handicap on

Duncan Dr. Hunter – assessed 3 points

Sgt. Garcia, Carlos; 3/160th SOAR Co. Speeding 52/30 MPH on Rio Rd

Hunter – assessed 6 points

Spc. Wilkeerwson, Juliana, Z.; HHC, 3rd STB Speeding 70/55 MPH on 119N MM

Stewart – assessed 4 points

September 28

Sgt. Ulin, Jsaon; 214th FA Speeding 33/20 MPH on Wilson Blvd. Hunter – assessed 4 points

2nd Lt. Nichols, Patrick; 3rd Cav Speeding 35/25 MPH on Perimeter

Hunter – assessed 3 points

Spc. Whitfidd, David; 3rd Cav Speeding 24/10 MPH on Lightning

Hunter – assessed 4 points

September 29

Sgt. 1st Class Sanks, Nanette Y.; 24th

Speeding 73/55 MPH, Defective Equipment on 144E MM #3 Stewart – assessed 5 points

September 30

Sgt. Robisnon, Eddie; 3/69th AR Bn Speeding 83/55 MPH on 144E MM

Stewart – assessed 6 points

Ask The Judge: Landlord-Tenant Law

Capt. Kate Tagert, Capt. Josh Dimkoff Legal Assistance Office

security deposit?

A: In order to guarantee a particular property for a potential tenant, landlords will sometimes is sometimes referred to as earnest money. A holding deposit is the money is being put toward. essentially what it sounds like the landlord promises to keep the property off the market in ready to move into the home with is up?

Holding deposits are distinct

should discuss with your landlord before you exchange money what **Q:** What is the difference it will be applied for – a security between a holding deposit and a deposit or a holding deposit. The term security deposit does not include earnest money/holding deposit. Security deposit money is refundable, but earnest money/ holding deposits are usually not. ask for a holding deposit or what Make sure the landlord provides you with a receipt that states what

Under Georgia law:

Q: How do I ensure I will no negligence, carelessness, acci-

Landlords must inspect the propactual law, § 44-7-35(c), states that A: If you don't cause any dametry within three business days of "any landlord who fails to return 1211, call 912-315-5115.

or their invitees or guests.

from security deposits. If you give age to the home, you are entitled termination of a lease. If the landa landlord a holding deposit, it is to have your full security deposit lord is planning on retaining any typically nonrefundable. You returned in a timely fashion. portion of the security deposit, he ... within one month after the damages within five days of termitermination of the residential lease nation. Tenants are entitled to or the surrender and acceptance of inspect the home as well before the premises, whichever occurs last, moving out. If a tenant disagrees a landlord shall return to the tenant with the list of damages he should required to send your deposit to the full security deposit which was not sign the list. Instead, the tenant deposited with the landlord by the must write a statement of dissent home you just moved from). So tenant. No security deposit shall be to the list of damages. It's imporretained to cover ordinary wear and tant to note that if a landlord does tear which occurred as a result of not comply with the time requirethe use of the premises for the purments set forth under Georgia law poses for which the premises were - he does not have the right to intended, provided that there was retain any of the security deposit. Under Georgia law, if a landlord exchange for monetary value until receive my security deposit back dent, or abuse of the premises by the wrongfully withholds your secuyou arrive at Fort Stewart or are *from my landlord when my lease* tenant or members of his household rity deposit, the landlord must pay three times that amount. The

any part of a security deposit which is required to be returned to a tenant pursuant to this article shall must give the tenant the list of be liable to the tenant in the amount of three times the sum improperly withheld plus reasonable attorney's fees." Finally, landlords are only

your last known address (the make sure to leave a forwarding address and request the security deposit be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested. For more information or assis-

tance on leasing agreements, make an appointment to speak with a legal assistance attorney. Fort Stewart – building 621, call 912-767-8809/8819; Hunter - building

Education Matters

Army Medical Careers briefing set for today

Interested in Army Health Care Careers? Sergeant First Class Elizabeth Cimaglio, the station Commander for the new Savannah Health Care Recruiting Station, will be conducting monthly briefings for those interested in obtaining a commission with the U.S. Army Medical Department. There are a wide variety of programs available to any enlisted Soldier, commissioned officer or Family Member who has a bachelor degree (or is close to completing their four year degree). The career fields not only cover the wide spectrum of medical specialties, but include social work, environmental science, and health care administrative assistant.

Many programs include financial incentives such as stipends, loan repayment and bonuses.

The first briefing is at 2 p.m. today in room 247 at the education center on Fort Stewart. Next month's briefing is scheduled for 2 p.m., Nov 17. Sergeant First Class Cimaglio is also the point of contact for all interested in any of the AMEDD programs. Reach her at *Elizabeth.cimaglio@usarec.army.mil* or by calling 877-358-9595.

Embry-Riddle Scholarships announced

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has three types of awards available to their students

Excellence Award - \$100 annual award for students (in good academic standing) who have provided outstanding community service in any capacity or who can demonstrate an extreme financial situation that require assistance in purchasing a textbook. To apply, send an email to savannah.center@erau.edu stating the reasons you think you deserve to be considered.

Worldwide Scholars – A \$500 award for students enrolled full-time, junior or senior status with minimum grade point average of 3.5 or higher and evident participation in community service activities. Apply online in November, February May and August by going to www.erau.edu and clicking on admissions/scholarships.

Student Success Initiative - Students in continuing status that have a CGPA of 3.0 or higher that have not registered for a course since before the July 2010 term have been selected to receive up to \$500 to be applied toward tuition in the Oct. or Nov. term. Qualified students who have received an e-mail from ERAU should contact your ERAU rep to take advantage of this opportunity.

For more detailed information, call 912-450-0073.

My CAA new guidelines announced

The Department of Defense will resume the Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts, MyCAA, program beginning Monday for qualifying spouses only. There will be new restrictions, so MyCAA will no longer be open to all military spouses. The changes reflect a return to the original intent of the program – to assist spouses of service members in the pay grades of E-1 to E-5, W1-W2, and 01-02 achieve portable careers. The approved education programs are only associate's degrees, licensure, and certifications. Funding assistance will be up to \$4,000 with an annual cap of \$2,000 per spouse, per fiscal year. To see the full details of the new program, go to the secure Web site, https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa. Click on the last link at the site to see alternative education funding resources.

Source available for Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33, is a non-contributory benefit (no up-front payment required by Soldiers) for those who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. The Veterans Administration Web site at www.gibill.va.gov provides indepth eligibility information for all VA chapters and a link to the on-line application. It also includes all information and steps concerning the transferability to Family Members. Also check out the new Web site, <code>www.ebenefits.va.gov</code> where you can view the status of your VA benefits and much more. If you have questions after exploring the Web site, call 888-442-4551.

Free Online Tutoring available

The Department of Defense now provides eligible U.S. military members and their Families the ability to get help from a professional tutor anytime you need it — FREE. You and your children can work with a professional tutor online 24/7 to get help with homework, studying, test prep, resume writing and more. School subjects supported are all grade levels of math, science, English, and social studies. Also available are study sources for Standardized Tests to include the ASVAB, GED, college entrance exams and state standardized exams. In addition, there are helpful links for career transitions, writing resumes, studying for exams and helping children with homework. Best of all, it is very easy to access and get started. Just go to www.tutor.com/ and click on the purple "Military" symbol. For more information, call 800-411-1970 or 212-528-3101.

CLEP now at Stewart-Hunter

The College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are now available at both education center sites. The exams are free for military personnel however; there is now a charge to re-test on a previously administered exam. CLEP tests are \$92 and DSSTs are \$100. The Hunter Test Center requires pre-registration: www.ccis.edu/nationwide/main.asp?Hunter. Contact the Columbia College test administrator by calling 912-352-8635 at Hunter or 912-767-7588 at Fort Stewart.

Online academic skills course offered

The Peterson's Online Academic Skills Course is now available to all the Services, DoD Civilians, and Family Members. The OASC is designed for individuals who want to build their math and verbal skills to excel in their jobs, pass their exams, advance their careers, or continue their education. The course will diagnose the individual's current level of reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math abilities and teach the concepts and skills needed to increase proficiency in each of these academic areas.

This course is available free of charge and can be accessed on any computer at any time. To register, click on *www.petersons.com/dantes*. The same site also provides free study resources for GED, SAT, CLEP, ASVAB, etc.

New ALC Hours Announced

The Army Learning Center (computer access) at Fort Stewart now is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Hunter Army Airfield hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday. Both facilities are closed on holidays.

Here's your chance to help improve our schools

Fall Education Forums are scheduled at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in November, and you are invited to contribute to making Fort Stewart DoDEA schools, Liberty County Public Schools, Long County Public Schools, Bryan County Public Schools, Effingham County Schools, and Chatham County Public Schools the best they can be.

The Hunter Army Airfield Education Forum is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 1 at the Aviation Brigade Headquarters in building 1525. Fort Stewart's Fall Education Forum will be conducted 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 3 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100.

Soldiers, Family Members and educators are invited to articulate issues and make recommendations relevant to the education of military-connected students.

One way to make an important contribution is to become a delegate. To

volunteer, contact the Fort Stewart School Liaison Office at 912-767-6533 or via e-mail at *greg.cooke@us.army.mil* .

Can't attend either forum? You still can contribute through one of the fol-

- lowing methods:
 Submit issues using Education Forum Hot Button on Team Stewart
- Homepage at www.stewart.army.mil.

 Submit issues using Education Forum Hot Button on School Liaison's
- Webpage at *www.stewartmwr.com*.

 Submit Issues by e-mail or by telephone to the SLO office. The phone num-

ber is 912-767-6533. E-mails should be sent to *greg.cooke@us.army.mil*. Information gathered at the forums will be presented to school superintendents from area counties surrounding Stewart and Hunter in a meeting Nov. 9 at Club Stewart.

1st HBCT Raider Brigade Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Update

As many of you have heard, the Raider Brigade Fallen Soldiers'
Memorial committee is building a memorial dedicated to fallen Raiders during Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. Pepsi is poised to help if enough people vote for the memorial on the Pepsi Refresh Project Web site at www.refreshevery-thing.com/raiderbrigadememorial.

There are actually three different ways you can vote. You can use the preceding direct link, vote through Facebook,

or you can text the number "102922" to the phone number 73774.

To learn more, visit www.raiderbrigadememorial.com or check out the Raider Memorial Facebook,

www.facebook.com/pages/Raider-Memorial-Pepsi-RefreshProject/1546820 34561999?ref=mf.

LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. John Carrillo, HHC, 3/15 Infantry, 4th IBCT, 3rd ID**, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact the Fort Stewart Legal Office, 912-767-5840.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Pfc. Gebrah Noonan, HHC, 3/15 Infantry, 4th IBCT, 3rd ID, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314, please contact the Fort Stewart Legal Office, 912-767-5840.



Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Weekend dining facility hours scheduled

The Fort Stewart weekend dining facility for Saturday and Sunday is Spartan Dining Facility, building 3003, which will be serving hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. for supper. STB Dining Facility, building 207, will be serving breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

The Hunter Army Airfield weekend dining facility for Saturday and Sunday is the 1/75 Ranger Dining Facility, building 110. Hunter Army Airfield dining facility weekend serving hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for brunch, and 4:30-6 p.m. for dinner. DFAC Hotline: 912-767-4991

On-post Trick or Treat hours set

Trick or Treat hours at Hunter Army Airfield housing areas will be from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 29. Come out to a night of fun at the Hunter Club "Haunted House" from 6-9 p.m. For more information on the haunted house, call 912-459-7923. At Fort Stewart housing areas, Trick or Treat hours will be from 6-8 p.m., Oct. 30. Porch light policy is in effect.

Misdialed calls addressed

The 911 Center is receiving multiple misdialed calls due to the newly implemented Stewart-Hunter Dialing Instructions. If you accidently call the 911 Center, please do not hang up; emergency dispatchers are required to treat a hang up as a potential emergency and will attempt to call you back or send a police officer to your location to investigate. Stay on the line and inform the dispatcher of the dialing error to reduce multiple false responses.

To make a long distance call, you must dial "97" then "1," plus the desired 10-digit number. To make a local call, you must dial "99" then the desired 7-digit number. To make a DSN call you must dial "94" then the desired seven- or 10-digit number.

Education Forums come to Hunter, Stewart

A Fall Education Forum will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 1 at Hunter Army Airfield's Aviation Brigade Headquarters, building 1525. A Fall Education Form will be held at Stewart's Education Center, building 100, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 3. Are you interested in becoming a delegate to either of the Fall Education Forums? If so, please contact the Stewart School Liaison Office at 912-767-6533 or e-mail greg.cooke@us.army.mil.

If you cannot attend the Education Forum but would still like to submit an issue concerning Fort Stewart DoDEA schools; Bryan, Chatham, Liberty, or Long County Public Schools; please use one of the following methods of submittal: Submit Issues using Education Forum Hot Button on Team Stewart Homepage at www.stewart.army.mil. Submit Issues using Education Forum Hot Button on SLO Web page located at www.stewartmwr.com. Or submit Issues by phone or email to SLO office at 912-767-6533 or e-mail at greg.cooke@us.army.mil.

Quality Time Calendar is online

Spend your down time as Quality Time. Check out the Quality Time Calendar on the Team Stewart Web site to see what events are happening on and off post. Or add your event at www.stewart.army.mil/stewcal. Only events open to the public and not discriminatory in any way are published to the site. Events are posted after review by the Public Affairs Office.

Register for Operation Rest and Relax

Make your reservations now! Operation R & R gives narried men and women who served in Iraq or Afghanistan the opportunity to reconnect and strengthen relationships with their Families through rest and relaxation on Hilton Head Island for little or no cost. Minimum requirements:

- Must have been deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan within the last 12 months
- Currently on active duty
- Married (spouse and children are eligible to come with you)
- An affiliation with Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Base or The Marine Corp sAir Station Beaufort or the Parris Island Marine Base
- Sorry, pets are not allowed
- Make your reservations now! http://www.operationrestandrelax.org/Default.aspx.

BOSS hosts Custom Jam Session

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program will host a birthday/Halloween Custom Jam Session at Rocky's Zone, building 703, at 7 p.m., Friday. There will be food and instrument playing, poetry reading and singing. The admission charge is \$2 per single Soldier. For more information, call 912-767-9917, or contact your unit BOSS representative.

STEWART-

Gate #3 and #7 closing, Tuesday

The Harmon Avenue Gate (Access Control Point #3)

will be closed from 9-11 p.m., Oct. 26, and the 15th Street Gate (Access Control Point #7) will be closed 7-9 p.m., Oct. 26. Subject closures are necessary to allow contractor testing on the Automated Vehicle Barriers at each gate. Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed and posted for the closure duration. Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion. The POC regarding additional information relative to the above is Alan Trowhill, Corps of Engineers, at 912-767-3287.

Wright Army Airfield gate closing

The outbound lane for Wright Army Airfield entry gate (Gate 9) will be closed through 7 a.m., Sunday. The inbound lane will be utilized to control traffic entering and leaving the airfield. Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed and posted for the duration of the traffic lane shift. Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around the area. The POC regarding additional information relative to the above is Alan Trowhill,

Corps of Engineers, at 912-767-3287. We appreciate your patience during this construction effort.

Legal Assistance office moving

The Fort Stewart and 3rd ID Legal Assistance Office will be closed today in order to move to its new location, first floor, building 709, 1791 Gulick Ave. Building 709 is located next to Popeye's and across the street from the Taylors Creek Golf Course. This move allows the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate to better serve Fort Stewart's Soldiers and their Family Members by having the Legal Assistance Office on the first floor with parking readily available.

The OSJA Claims office will also move to building 709 but will move at a later date. More information will follow. The Legal Assistance Office will reopen Friday. If you have any questions, please call 912-767-8819/8809/7713.

Come to Fall Costume Dance

Come to the Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338, and enjoy a night of fun and dance for pre-teens from 7-10 p.m., Friday. The admission fee is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 912-767-4491.

Shop of the Marne sets fall hours

In addition to Tuesday and Thursday, the shop is now open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. Stop by and check out the ever expanding and changing selection and maybe even find a few holiday gifts.

Interested in volunteering at the shop? We're always looking for a little help.

Want to be a little more involved? The Shop of the Marne is looking for a chairperson. Or maybe you're looking for an outlet for your crafty talents? The shop is always looking for new consigners.

If you are interested in any or all of the above e-mail Val Quintilliani at shopofthemarne@hotmail.com.

Come to Sgt Rocky's Puppet Show

Come to Sgt. Rocky's Neighborhood Puppet Show at the Family Readiness Center, building 87, 4-6 p.m., Oct. 29, Nov. 10 and Dec. 7. This ACS production, starring SGT Rocky, Tonya Tommy, Rachel Feat and Lady Liberty, is Rated G for ages 9 and under.

For more information, contact ACS at 912-767-5058/5059. We're currently focusing on reintegration issues. Requests are taken for deployment and unit shows or special events.

Newman Fitness indoor pool open

Newman indoor pool is now open and the hours of operation are as follows: (Mon-Fri) 5-7:30 a.m., Lap Swim; 7:30-8:30 a.m., WTU/Therapy Swim; (Mon, Wed, Fri) 9-11 a.m., Unit Training (by appointment); (Tue, Thu) 9-10 a.m., Water Aerobics; 2-3 p.m., Adult Swim Lessons; 6-7 p.m., Water Aerobics; (Sat) 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Open Swim/Lap Swim; (Sun) 12 - 8 p.m., Open Swim/Lap Swim.

Winn Army Community Hospital/Hunter Army Airfield **Community Flu Vaccination Activities**

FORT STEWART*†

| Saturday | Oct. 23 | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | PX Furniture Store | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Thursday - Friday | Nov. 4-5 | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | (DRIVE-THRU!!) Winn Hospital Overflow Parking Lot | | |
| Saturday | Nov. 6 | 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. | PX Furniture Store | | |
| Saturday | Nov. 13 | 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Commissary | | |

Children younger than 2 years of age need to be vaccinated at Winn Army Community Hospital's Immunization clinic or Tuttle Army Health Clinic. *ACTIVE DUTY will receive vaccine through their unit chain of command.

For Fort Stewart activities, contact Winn's Flu Hotline at 767-CARE

Winn Army Community Hospital

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Monday – Friday (walk-in) 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Oct. 11 7-10:30 a.m., Oct. 2. and 7 a.m to 1 p.m., Oct. 28

Winn Army Community Hospital

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CLINIC

Building 308 behind WINN's Emergency Department Beginning Oct. 4

Monday – Friday (walk-in) 1–3 p.m.

For Civilian Federal Employees Only Closed Oct. 11 and 22

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD**

| Saturday | Oct. 30 | 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Main Post Exchange (PX) |
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| Saturday | Nov. 20 | 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Main Post Exchange (PX) |

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TUTTLE ARMY HEALTH CLINIC

Monday - Fridays (walk-in) 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Closed Oct. 11 and 22

For more information contact TAHC's flu hotline at 912-435-5400

E85 fuel temporarily suspended

There is a temporary suspension of E85 fuel at the Fort Stewart fuel point for Non-Tactical Military vehicles. This suspension is anticipated to last until Oct. 31.

Customers that have E85 vehicles need to have their fuel keys rekeyed for regular fuel at either the fuel point or by dropping them off at the TMP.

For additional information contact Sylvia Whitfield at 912-435-0146.

Installation Guidebooks available

The 2010 Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Installation Guidebooks have arrived. If your organization, unit, office needs copies, please contact Jennifer Scales at 912-767-0276 or via e-mail jennifer.scales1@conus.army.mil to make arrangements for pick-up.

HUNTER -

Hunter Flag Football playoffs set

The Hunter Army Airfield 2010 Flag Football championship will be played at the Sports Complex at 6:30 p.m.,

Hunter PT area open

The sprinklers have been removed from the grassy area at the intersection of Wilson Ave. and 6th Street in the 600 block. It is now available for PT as needed.

Register for Hunter "The Challenge"

Register by Oct. 28 for "The Challenge" golf match scheduled for Oct. 30 at 8 a.m., Hunter Golf Club. Stewart-Hunter golfers will go against Sterling Link golfers in a Ryder Cup format Club Match.

There will be 20 (two-person) matches per club and the entry fee is \$45 per person. To register or for more information, call 912-315-9115.

'Who Are We?' - Hunter DES Opens Up

October is Crime Prevention Month. The Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, in conjunction with Chief Gary Glemboksi, has declared Hunter Army Airfield's Crime Prevention Week the week of Oct. 26-29.

The Hunter Army Airfield Police Department is going to offer two educational opportunities for the community.

The Police department will have a crime prevention booth available at the PX from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 27 to provide valuable crime prevention information, hand out crime prevention literature and answer questions.

That evening at 7 p.m. at the post theater, your police department will present 'Who Are We?' a community information presentation.

The chief will also participate in a Q & A session following the "Who are We" presentation. Please join us. For more information, call 912-315-6135.

Balfour Beatty Communities

STEWART-

Make a Difference Day slated

an effort to give back and support a great cause, we need your help. Please donate your aluminum cans at the drop

National Make a Difference Day is Saturday. In

boxes located at Liberty Woods and Southern Oaks Leasing Offices any time by Friday. All aluminum cans will be collected and recycled

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The can tabs will also be collected and sent directly to the foundation for their own efforts. Please support this great cause.

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Cook to Winn

Our Cooking to Winn series is a fun, interactive way to learn to eat and live healthier. There will be a Family-oriented session with hands on involvement for the kids, Oct. 29. This session will have a fun Halloween theme.

You must register to participate. Available slots are on first come first serve basis. The class will be held at 130 Oliver Ave. (Wilson Acres) from 5-7 p.m.

To register, contact Amber Humphries at 912-408-2478 or ahumphries@bbcgrp.com.

For more information about these or other LifeWorks events, or to be added to the e-mail list, please contact Amber Humphries at 912-408-2478 or ahumphries@bbcgrp.com.

3rd Sustainment Brigade participates in Iraqi Kids Day



Sergeant First Class Rhonda Lawson, noncommissioned officer in charge of public affairs for the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), draws with a local Iraqi girl during Joint Base Balad's Iraqi Kids Day, Sept. 25, part of a month-long event that brings local children onto the base for a day of games, fun and excitement.

Sgt. Gaelen Lowers

3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Soldiers and civilians with the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), participated in another Iraqi Kids Day at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Sept. 25.

"This is really what victory looks like after almost seven years of war," said Col. Kenneth Jones, the deputy commander of the 103rd ESC, and a Berryton, Kan. native. "It's phenomenal that we can interact with the children the way we do."

The base has been holding these special events for local Iraqi children, many of whom are orphans, for the past few years, said Capt. Jennifer Yang, chief legal officer for the 3rd Sustainment Bde., and a Covina, Calif. native, who was part of the planning committee

"The idea is to show the children at an impressionable age that Americans are nice people," she said. "If the only time they see Americans is rolling through in a tank or a mine resistant ambush protected vehicle, then they are only getting one side of the story. This is a way [for] them to get to know us in a very low-threat

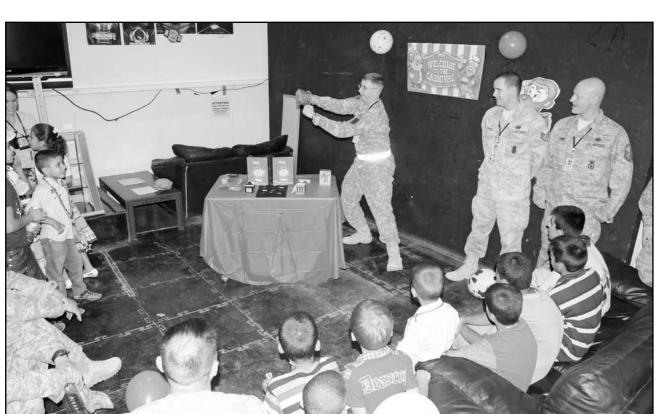
arrival. Some of the children were so excited that they immediately started hugging everyone they could get

There were various booths available to the children, including a video game area, a pool, a place for soccer and a magic booth.

"We did some disappearing, some levitating and some changing of one thing into another," said Maj. James Galluzzo, officer-in-charge of human resources with the 3rd Sustainment Bde., and a Salem, N.H. native, who performed as a magician at the event. "I think they liked how close up the magic tricks were. Most times when you see magic you don't get to see it close up and can't touch it. It makes you feel as if you are part of the act."

Major Galluzzo even taught the kids how to do a few of the magic tricks.

"This is great to be able to put a smile on the kids'



The children received a standing ovation upon their Major James Galluzzo, the magician and officer in charge of the human resources for the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, performs magic tricks for a group of local Iraqi children during Joint Base Balad's Iraqi Kids Day, Sept. 25.

faces," he said. "It's really what this all about."

The Hallmark greeting card company even had a special area set up where the kids could go to draw, paint and be creative. The supplies for the area were provided by Hallmark, said Col. Jones, who is also an employee for them in the civilian sector.

"This is typical of Hallmark and the things they do," he said. "They conduct a lot of outreach programs. Art quickly moves beyond the cultural divide between America and Iraq by the kids connecting immediately with what they wanted to do and express themselves through artwork."

Almost every staff section in the 3rd Sustainment Bde. had someone participating during the event, said

"[The event was] purely voluntary," she continued. "They wanted to make it that way so the people who decided to be involved were there because they wanted to be. A lot of our sections were probably drained

because everyone wanted to help out. "There was someone being a mentor, part of the committee, or a booth manager from almost every section. It was a lot of fun and the kids ran us

ragged." At the end of the day, the children, civilians and the servicemembers were tired from a full day's worth of

fun and excitement, said Maj. Galluzzo. "I think they had a great time," he said. "I saw them all smiling and dancing, and that is what being a kid is all about, regardless of what country you're in."

'Heart of the Rock' medics teach Iragis first aid

Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda M. Lawson 3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — The 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 103rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) surgeon team expanded their services Sept. 26 and 27, making another positive step toward Iraqi sustainment following the end of Operation New Dawn.

Over a span of two days, the team trained approximately 40 Iraqi vehicle and personnel inspection guards on basic first aid procedures. For many of the guards, this was their first exposure to such training. They found the course very useful since they are often first responders when civilians approach the Joint Base Balad gates seeking medical treatment.

"My captain brought it to my attention," explained Senior Airman Aaron Jennings, a unit trainer with the 532nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, and a Wylie, Texas. native. "They are often the first people who civilians see when

they come to the gate, so we thought why not try to teach these guys how to treat their own people? If one of their guys got hurt, they wouldn't be able to help each

The unit then approached the 3rd Sustainment Bde. and requested the training. However, most of the brigade's medics, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Bde., 103rd ESC, were already tasked out for flu shots and other medical services, so the brigade-level team decided to teach

"We developed the course and had it translated into Arabic, and made readaheads [pamphlets] for the interpreters," explained Master Sgt. William Vernon, the surgeon cell noncommissioned officer-in-charge with the 3rd Sustainment Bde, and an O'Fallon, Ill. native. "The class is a hybrid of the combat lifesaver

course and standard first aid training." Master Sergeant Vernon explained that

they decided what to put into the course

based on the types of injuries guards see at the gates. Many of the civilians who seek aid suffer from burns, eye injuries, fractures and other wounds, so they tailored the class to teach the guards to render basic first aid for these injuries until qualified medical help arrives.

"We'll still send our doctors out, but they'll get that initial treatment," said Airman Jennings.

The class was a combination of handson training and lecture, with the help of two interpreters. Students were broken into groups of 20, and each group attended the class on a different day. During class, the groups were further broken down into teams of two to practice the hands-on portion.

"These guys are really motivated,"

said Master Sgt. Vernon. "They're asking a lot of questions and are catching on quickly.'

He added that he appreciated their willingness to learn. The guards were

there on their own time and were not

being paid to be there, so he wanted to

make the class worth their time.

"I [dislike] doing courses that just give information," said Master Sgt. Vernon. "If we're going to take their time, we're going to give them a good product."

"I enjoyed the class," said Raad Mohammed, a checkpoint supervisor at the North Entry Control Point at JBB. "It was useful. We're not here to play around. We're here to learn something."

Jennings added that part of that motivation to learn comes from the fact that the U.S. presence in Iraq is ending soon.

"They know we're all leaving," he said. "In the end, they're going to have to take care of each other."

Master Sergeant Vernon added that they plan to offer the class again in the future to train more of the guards. In the meantime, Mohammed said he will ensure that those who have gone through the class teach others.

"The trainers were good — very, very good," he said. "I would love to thank them for what they did for us."

Night Stalkers awarded at Hunter

Sharita Wilkinson and Nancy Gould Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Lieutenant Colonel Kirk Keepers became emotional when he talked about Soldiers in the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and the performance that earned seven of them prestigious awards, Oct. 15. He addressed the seven Night Stalkers, along with other military and civilians attendees, at an award ceremony in the 3/160th SOAR hanger, recognizing their fearless actions and superb performance during recent overseas contingency operations.

"I have been given exceptional Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Keepers, commander, 3/160th SOAR. "Their strength of character and courage in defense of this great nation reflects all special operations Soldiers who work hard and are willing to put themselves in harm's way every day and night.'

The award recipients at the event included Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Denton, who received the Distinguished Flying Cross; Chief Warrant Officer Roberto Villarreal, who received the Bronze Star Medal; Master Sgt. James Weems, who received the Meritorious Service Medal; and Master Sgt. James Weems, who also received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Awardees of the Air Medal with "V" Device included Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Purdum, Sgt. Travis Walker, Sgt. Lance Singleton and Spc. Bradley Weaver.

Because of frequent deployments, a few medals were earned during previous deployments, but the award ceremony was held at a convenient time when all Soldiers could attend.

"No one asked, 'where is my award?'" said Lt. Col. Keeper. "What's important to these Soldiers is getting things done. They are selfless troops."

Chief Warrant Officer Denton, a pilot, knows that duty is more important than recognition. He has focused on the mission throughout his 23 years of military service. Since 1998, his focus has been exclusively on the mission of the Night Stalkers. He received the Distinguished Flying



Seven Night Stalkers with the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment received awards at a ceremony at Hunter Army Airfield, Oct. 15.

Cross Medal for his heroic performance in the latest operation in Afghanistan when he led a flight to pick up ground troops while under intense enemy fire. He guided his unit to safety with only damages to his aircraft.

Chief Warrant Officer Denton was modest about his award. Instead of receiving recognition for himself, he gave it to his team.

"Everything we do is collective," he said. "It's hard to praise just one individual on any mission because what we do requires a team effort. You train hard as a team, and you work hard as a team. I thank my commander for honoring all of us today."

Specialist Weaver, a crew chief, briefly described the treacherous rescue mission for which he was awarded.

"I guided the pilot of a 100-foot aircraft to safety on a mountain under enemy fire," he said. "We were not able to put all wheels on the ground, so we had to work it out with just one."

Specialist Bradley said he's always wanted to be Night Stalker; now he's living the dream.

"I joined Night Stalker to follow in my father's footsteps," he said, adding that his father retired from the battalion in November. "I understood the challenges of the lifestyle but it's what I wanted. When my Dad left for months at a time I always wanted to know where he went and what he did. That's why I volunteered. I'm 100-percent satisfied with that decision."

Lieutenant Colonel Keeper said that throughout history the battalion has supported special operations around the world in a range of environments. He said the 3/160th SOAR will continue to fight and will always be prepared to succeed at their next mission.

TF Brawler conducts time-honored ceremony for new NCOs

Sgt. Scott Tant 4/3 Aviation, 3rd CAB, TF Falcon

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SHANK, Afghanistan – Task Force Brawler, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, TF Falcon, formally welcomed 17 junior enlisted leaders into the NCO Corps by conducting their first Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony at the Brawler Chapel on FOB Shank, Oct. 8.

With the recipients gathered to the rear of the chapel, the narrator, Staff Sgt. Michael Smith of Company D, TF Brawler, began the proceedings with the history of the NCO. Following Staff Sgt. Smith was the keynote speaker, 1st Sgt. Gresham Collins, Company E, TF Brawler.

"Becoming an NCO is one of the hardest transitions within the enlisted ranks," said 1st Sgt. Collins. "Now, you are you were rubbing elbows with recently. Before, you were working as part of the detail to help perform a task. Now, you are responsible for making the task hap-

At the conclusion of his speech, TF Brawler Command Sgt. Maj. Stuart O'Black, called the name of each inductee, asking aloud who recommended that the individual be inducted. As each junior NCO walked forward, their sponsor would stand in place and respond.

Sergeant Tavis Mitchell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, TF Brawler,



Sergeant Adonis Baskerville receives a plaque inscribed with the NCO Creed from 1st Sqt. Jorge Hernandez, both with D Co., Task Force Brawler, 3rd charged to lead and train those Soldiers Combat Aviation Brigade, TF Falcon, during the NCO Induction Ceremony held at the Brawler Chapel on FOB Shank, Oct. 8

who was promoted midway through the deployment, walked forward as his name was called. His sponsor respond-

"Sergeant Major: I, Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Tyler, of HHC, TF Brawler, recommend Sgt. Tavis Mitchell to be inducted into the NCO Corps," said Sgt. 1st Class Tyler, the TF Brawler's logistics

"Tradition in the NCO Corps is more

than telling the new generation of NCO's how it's done; it's about showing them how it's done," he continued. "When Soldiers are promoted to a noncommissioned officer, they are told of greater responsibilities and vast differences that lie ahead, yet they don't get it. With the induction ceremony, they realize the significance and importance of being an NCO."

Beyond just sponsoring the inductees, 1st Sgt. Tyler and the other senior NCOs within TF Brawler supported the ceremony, underscoring

the sentiment of Command Sgt. Maj. O'Black, who addressed the assembly.

"Traditions matter. Culture matters. Ceremonies such as this matter," said Command Sgt. Maj. O'Black. "We are an Army that has been at war for 10 years. We are constantly getting and training new Soldiers for combat, which should be the focus. However, we can't afford to lose focus on our traditions, the traditions of the NCO Corps that have made us who we are today; the leaders of Soldiers."

As the newly inducted sergeants stood in front of the gathered assembly, Spc. Tricia Smith, HHC, TF Brawler, read the poem 'A Soldier's Request'. Written by Sgt. Maj. Frank McMahon, the couplet reminded the listener to keep in mind the most important part of being a noncommissioned Officer: Taking care of their Soldiers.

"Train me, sergeant, that one day I too can be called sergeant, trainer of Soldiers, backbone of the Army... I must be prepared," read Spc. Smith. "I ask no greater glory, sergeant, than to defend our country and our way of life, against all enemies, both foreign and domes-

The ceremony formally concluded with all attendees singing the Army Song and the Dog Face Soldier Song. To commemorate the occasion, each inductee was presented with a plaque that was emblazoned with the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer and the Charge of the NCO.

"I think it was very important for young Soldiers, young NCOs like myself, to be involved in a ceremony like this," said Sgt. Mitchell. "Most of the younger Soldiers don't know or understand the importance of traditions. After seeing the meaning of it today, I understand that now it falls on my generation to continue the traditions handed down

416th Trans Co says 'goodbye'

Pfc. James Richardson

260th Quartermaster Bn. Public Affairs

It was a beautiful morning at Fort Pulaski, as Family and friends of the 416th Transportation Company, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, came together for a deployment ceremony, Oct. 13. The 416th Trans Co. deployed to Kuwait, Oct. 20, where they will spend the next year providing security for convoys and keeping them safe, running gun trucks, and recovering and transporting equipment back to the U.S.

Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Brown, 260th Quartmaster Bn. commander, shared a few words with crowd, revealing his confidence in the abilities of the 416th Trans Co.

"I have all the faith and confidence in this company," he said. "They are ready to deploy and complete their mission."

Captain Chip Autry, 416th Trans Co. commander, spoke to the Families, commending them for their strength in dealing with the deployment of their Soldiers. He also gave a brief description of the mission the Soldiers will be doing while in Kuwait.

"It's not a glamorous job, but I'm glad to be able to do it and do it right," he said. "There (is too much) lost equipment out there, and I will be glad to recover it and help save America's money."

The Soldiers of 416th Trans Co. have a positive attitude toward the deployment; Sgt. Donald Twyman feels like it's just another deployment.

"It's just a job that has to be done; we all have to do it sometime," he said.

Sergeant Twyman and his wife, Pvt. Abigail Twyman, are both Soldiers in 416th Trans Co.

Sergeant Andrew Jackson said he would rather be in Iraq, but thinks that Kuwait is a good first deployment for Soldiers.

"I think it's good for them to see the different transitions in the weapon systems between Iraq and Kuwait," he said. This will be his first deployment since his daughter was born.

No one is ever happy to see Soldiers go overseas, and the Families of 416th Transportation Company are no exception.

Annie Zeigler understands that this deployment is something her grandson, Sgt. Kasee Zeigler, has to

"He is my eldest grandson, and we are very close," she said. "This is (his) first deployment, but he spent a long time preparing me for this."

Even though some Family Members are unhappy about the deployment, for many it is not their first.

The 416th Trans Co. has all the support and confidence they can get from their superiors.

"I'm not worried at all about this mission; we have a lot of good camaraderie, everyone is close," said 1st



Spc. Matthew Vogler, 260th Quartermaster Bn. Public Affairs

A 416th Transportation Co. Soldier embraces his Family a final time at before falling into formation to deploy to Kuwait, Oct. 20.

Sgt. James Harris, unit first sergeant. "I just want to thank everyone for their support."

First Lieutenant Marcia Thompson, 416th Trans Co. executive officer, feels that this mission is one that the unit will excel in.

"The Soldier's adapted very well from transportation missions to gun truck missions," said 1st Lt. Thompson, whose job will consist of tracking Soldiers, maintenance and training.

At the end of the ceremony, Soldiers provided a historical background of Fort Pulaski as well as a canon demonstration. Captain Autry chose the location because he thought it would be a great experience for

Soldiers and their Families. Fort Pulaski was built in 1847, prior to the Civil War.

The Battle for Fort Pulaski during that war was brutal but significant. The constant bombardment of "rifled" artillery shells during the battle was slowly ripping apart the fort. This battle helped military strategist realize that they had to revise the structure of forts against the new weapon of war.

"It is a beautiful place, a lot of history. I believe it's a place a Soldier should come to at least once."

Once the ceremony was over, Soldiers of the 416th Trans Co. and their Families gathered for an afternoon picnic.

Glory Guns, ISF, Red Crescent give supplies to Iraqis

Spc. Jared Eastman 1/3 AAB Public Affairs

BAGHDAD- On a hot day in eastern Baghdad, Soldiers of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery regiment are lining rooftops and surrounding a small courtyard in a displacement camp. However, unlike the past where they may have been pointing weapons inward, they are standing with their backs to the courtyard, looking out at the Baghdad cityscape.

In the courtyard, Iraqi Federal Policemen and members of the Red Crescent are handing out boxes of food and supplies to family heads as well as toys to children. Operation Khairat Ramadan 10, which took place on Oct. 15 and incorporated U.S. Army, IFP and Red Crescent forces to reach the community.

"Today we are doing Operation Khairat Ramadan 10," said Capt. Rory McGovern, Battery A commander. "Khairat Ramadan means 'Ramadan Charity.' What we did was work with the Federal Police, and they identified a series of areas that they wanted to do these outreach missions in order to enhance their intelligence awareness in the area.

"The areas that they chose are areas that have resurgent enemy activity, so each one of these areas is a threat area. There have been some rocket attacks around here recently."

The Red Crescent was more than happy to help, and provided supplies for the people of the camp.

"We come out here and provide support for the people," said a member of the Red Crescent. "We are still hoping to get more toys for the kids as well."

The Red Crescent also supplied a doctor to hand out medicine to the people.

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Photos by Spc. Jared Eastman

Colonel Roger Cloutier, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division commander, hands a soccer ball to an Iragi child during a humanitarian aid drop in eastern Baghdad, Oct. 15.

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Capt. Rory McGovern 1/41 FA, Battery A Commander

"We partnered with the Federal tance of all this is that you have Iraqi Police," said Capt. McGovern. "With Security Forces and the Federal Police a doctor from the Red Crescent and working with local community leadwith three sheiks from the local ers and the Red Crescent. These are three real power brokers in the com-"They came up with this concept munity coming together, forging relaand we've resourced it and are sup-tionships, and accomplishing the



Chief Warrant Officer Yolanda Dixon-Carter, 1st Advise and Assist Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, plays soccer with an Iraqi boy in eastern Baghdad during a humanitarian aid drop, Oct. 15.

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Emotional spending also happens on the spouses' side – trying to use shopping to fill the void left by their Soldier. Also, ordering take out or eating out every night is an expense that adds up quickly.

Splurge spending transpires when a Soldier or spouse anticipates the extra money they receive while deployed. The extra \$600-1,000 a month seems like a lot to a Soldier and they plan on spending it on a big purchase, such as a new vehicle.

However, problems may occur if they forget about sudden expenses that may have arisen during the deployment, or the Soldier may not be aware of spending that is happening at home.

"(The Soldier) anticipates that check when they get home, and don't take into account the spending that happened on both sides while they were gone," Curran said.

This can lead to problems in the relationship, and Curran said the only way to keep it from happening is for the Soldier and spouse to talk about their spending during the separation.

Curran said a way to save during a deployment is to allocate money to your Soldier for his or her spending while overseas.

"I do everything by allotment," she said. "I highly recommend two accounts; I always encourage a Soldier to put a couple hundred dollars each month into checking account with checks and a debit card so what he or she does while deployed doesn't affect the Family budget too much."

Curran also encourages paying off debt with deployment money, and also putting some in an emergency savings account in case money is needed unexpectedly.

The best thing to do is to talk about how you will spend and save your money before the deployment, but if that wasn't done, or if what was discussed goes array, ACS Financial Readiness is there to help.

"Do what works for you, but if you are stuck, come see us and we can work with you to straighten out your finances," Curran said. "Financial counselors can help you look at your finances and get a handle on them. The spending that gets us into trouble is the unnecessary purchases – money issues are the cause of a high percentage of domestic violence."

Curran encourages any Soldier or Family Member to come to ACS Financial Readiness for tips, or help with financial security. "We can help you make a budget, and can work with the Soldier when they are deployed and once they are home," she said.

She also said that ACS Financial Readiness will not contact a Soldier's command unless there is a pay problem, if the Soldier is command-referred, or if there is a lack of support from a Soldier to their spouse.

"We won't judge your spending, we know that sometimes it just gets away from us – life happens," she said. "We want to help you get to where you want to be."

Due to extenuating circumstances, either spending or an emergency that arose, not all Soldiers return from deployment with disposable income. And if you find yourself in a jam, Army Emergency Relief is still available to Soldiers and Family Members who have recently redeployed.

Army Emergency Relief is a zero-percent loan for active servicemembers and their dependents, activated National Guard and Reserve Soldiers and their dependents, retirees and their dependents, and widow(ers) and children of Soldiers who died on active duty or after they retired.

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